

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Kouichiro HARA**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **August 31, 2001**

For: **ELECTRONIC LOCKER SYSTEM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 31, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) The electronic locker system according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the luggage deposit fee is calculated based upon an actual lapse of time from the depositing process to the taking-out process.

REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims has been made to correct the multiple dependency of the claims and to place the application in better condition for examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) The electronic locker system according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the luggage deposit fee is calculated based upon an actual lapse of time from the depositing process to the taking-out process.